

SENATE BILL 2494

By Finney

AN ACT to amend Chapter 286 of the Private Acts of 1943; as amended by Chapter 19 of the Private Acts of 1997; Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 2007; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Town of Gates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 286 of the Private Acts of 1943, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 2. There shall be a Board to consist of a Mayor and four (4) Aldermen, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town of Gates, as hereinafter defined, and they shall hold their offices for four (4) years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. Chapter 286 of the Private Acts of 1943, as amended by Chapter 19 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 3. The first election for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen under this Act shall be on the first Thursday in June, 2013. The terms for those elected to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on such date shall be until the regular Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in December, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The second election for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen under this Act shall be at the regular November election in November, 2016. Beginning with the election in November, 2016 the term of office for the Mayor and Aldermen shall be four (4) years. The candidate for Mayor receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Mayor

and the four (4) candidates for Aldermen receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the office of Alderman. The Mayor and Aldermen shall begin their term of office at the regular Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in December 2016.

Thereafter the election for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall take place every four (4) years at the regular November election.

Once the election certificates of successful candidates have been issued they shall take an oath of office; the oath specifying that such candidates shall support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, and perform the duties of office to the best of their ability. This oath may be taken before any officer or notary public in Lauderdale County, Tennessee authorized to administer oaths generally. Such oath shall be filed with the Town Recorder.

SECTION 3. Chapter 286 of the Private Acts of 1943, as amended by Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 2007, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language "expiring two years hence" in the first sentence of Section 5.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Gates. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 6. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 5.